

Governor's Commission for a Drug Free Indiana

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Comprehensive Community Plan

County: Vermillion

**LCC: Local Coordinating Council for a Drug-Free
Vermillion County**

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Plan Summary

Mission Statement: The mission of the Local Coordinating Council for a Drug-Free Vermillion County is to reduce the prevalence of problems associated with alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use and problem gambling. The healthy development of our citizens is being threatened by the problems and challenges of ATOD use and problem gambling in today's culture. It is our mission to promote healthy lifestyle patterns among Vermillion County residents and to make a positive difference in the area of ATOD issues.

History: The Local Coordinating Council for a Drug-Free Vermillion County was formed in 1989 by a core group of concerned citizens many of whom continue to actively serve. Our mission was to coordinate a comprehensive approach to dealing with the problems of substance abuse in Vermillion County. Since its formation, the coalition has held over 140 public meetings to address community issues and to solicit community involvement in the areas of prevention, treatment, and law enforcement/justice. The coalition serves as the recognized Local Coordinating Council (LCC) for the Governor's Commission for a Drug-Free Indiana.

There are 16,562 people who live in Vermillion County. Census Data shows the following breakdown of ethnic diversity - 98.9% Caucasian, 0.8% Hispanic, 0.4% Black. There are 7 towns in Vermillion County: Clinton with the largest population of 4,911, Newport with population of 558 and is the county seat, Dana, Cayuga, Perrysville, Universal and Fairview Park.

Vermillion County consists of 2 school corporations which are North Vermillion School Corporation and South Vermillion Community Schools Corporation. The school enrollment for 2005 – 2006 is 2,943.

For law enforcement, there is County Sheriff's Department, Cayuga, Dana and Fairview Park have Town Marshals, and Clinton has a City Police Department.

Summary of the Comprehensive Community Plan: The focus of the coalition's activities has been primarily prevention (at 47%). This funding has

underwritten student leadership training, peer mediation training, ATOD free events such as Post Prom, Halloween Fright Night, Family Night Out, and an after school drug prevention program, Red Ribbon Week activities, a drug rally and convocation speakers. Secondly, needs of our laws enforcement officers were funded (at 31%). Projects included equipment for marijuana identification for the Sheriff's Department, money for the Vermillion County Drug Task Force, and the Clinton City Police. Thirdly, treatment programs facilitated in 1 Elementary School, and the 2 high schools within our county (one being Jr/Sr High) were funded for a total of 22%.

Each year the coalition creates and implements a local plan of action that addresses community needs related to substance abuse reduction. This document is the Comprehensive Community Plan for 2003-2007, with annual Plan Updates to be submitted 2004-2007.

The coalition took great care in preparing a Comprehensive Community Plan that would reflect long-term needs and concerns of all parts of the community. Input was sought from representatives of the educational, law enforcement/justice, and treatment organizations. Information and statistics were gathered from the local Sheriff's Department, the prosecutor's office, the Probation Office, county school personnel, health care and mental health care providers, faith community representatives, and concerned citizens. Information was also informally gathered based on youth participation at the monthly LCC meetings. In addition, a formal Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug (ATOD) survey from the Indiana Prevention Resource Center was conducted the past two years within the county schools. The coalition compiled the information and used it to assist in the preparation of this plan, which was completed by the LCC's Comprehensive Plan Sub-Committee with the assistance from the Commission for a Drug-Free Indiana Community Consultant, Dawn Wordsworth-Wade. Two sub-committee meetings were held and the information gathered was submitted to the LCC at large during two monthly meetings. Sub-committee members were Jane Warmouth, Ron Stateler, Angela Taylor, and Dawn Wordsworth-Wade. Information was typed and compiled by Angela Taylor.

One problem that was evident was that the mission statement was out of date. Thus, the sub-committee proposed a revision that was accepted by the LCC at large at the June 2003 meeting.

Following approval by the State Commission, the Vermillion County LCC will work with community organizations to plan and implement programs which address the problems and recommended actions identified in the plan. The County Commissioners through our Local County Council, will give final approval of funding allocations from the County Drug-Free Communities Fund to support requested programs. The LCC will monitor the progress of these programs throughout the year. Funded programs are asked to report back to the LCC, in both oral and written form, once their project is complete. These reports include how the money was spent, the outcome of the project, and its perceived success.

Membership List

County LCC Name: Local Coordinating Council for a Drug-Free Vermillion County

Name	Organization	Race	Gender	Category
Marion (Mono) Pastore	Sheriff's Department	Caucasian	Male	Religion & Law Enforcement
Nina Alexander	Prosecutor's Office	Caucasian	Female	Judiciary
Kim Hawkins	Sheriff's Department	Caucasian	Male	Law Enforcement
Patti Spurr	NVHS	Caucasian	Female	Education
Jane Warmouth	NVHS	Caucasian	Female	Education
Janet McBride	Hamilton Center	Caucasian	Female	Treatment
Cheryl Vaughan	Concerned Citizen	Caucasian	Female	Parent
Becky Holbert	4-H	Caucasian	Female	Civic Organization
Elaine Pastore	LCC Coordinator	Caucasian	Female	Prevention
Sandee Frey	SVES	Caucasian	Female	Education
Elizabeth Chaney	SVHS	Caucasian	Female	Education
Michelle Stucker	Tobacco Prevention	Caucasian	Female	Prevention
Kerry Gouty	NVHS	Caucasian	Male	Youth
Adrience Lewis	NVHS	Caucasian	Female	Youth
Allison Lewis	NVHS	Caucasian	Female	Youth
Sean Weir	NVHS	Caucasian	Male	Youth
Lori Porter	Concerned Citizen	Caucasian	Female	Parent
Vic Porter	Concerned Citizen	Caucasian	Male	Parent
Ron Stateler	Probation Department	Caucasian	Male	Judiciary

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Problem Identification

Problem Statement #1: Youth and adult substance abuse continues at an unacceptable rate in Vermillion County.

Supportive Data:

- Statistics provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration show that there was a total of 27 alcohol related crashes in Vermillion County in 2000.
- There was an increase of 55 arrests involving operating a vehicle while intoxicated and driving while intoxicated; according to the local Sheriff's Department.
- The number of arrests for possession of marijuana has increased from 2000-2002 by 6 arrests. Possession of controlled substances has jumped by 35 more arrests in 2002 than the year 2000; and possession of paraphernalia has increased by 19 arrests, according to the Vermillion County Sheriff's Department.
- Contributing to the delinquency of a minor has jumped from only 1 arrest in 2000 to 15 arrests in 2002 (Sheriff's Department).
- In random drug testing conducted by North Vermillion Junior/Senior High School, 20% of the high school students tested were positive for alcohol or drugs.
- In the 2002-2003 school year, 18 students dropped out of North Vermillion and South Vermillion High Schools, a large majority of which were substance users.
- In the 2002-2003 school year, 32 students attended Alternative School, the majority of which abused substances or had family members who abused substances.
- From 2000-2002, adults and juveniles who were convicted of substance abuse felonies, both increased by 8.

Year 1 Update:

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- **Arrests in Vermillion County in 2004 are as follows according to Vermillion County Sheriff's Department:**
- **43 for Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated**
- **53 for Possession of Marijuana**
- **23 for Possession of Controlled Substances**
- **24 for Possession of Paraphernalia**
- **7 for Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor**
- **25 for Meth a Precursor/Legend Drug**
- **35 for Possession of Alcohol by a Minor/Illegal**
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- **According to Indiana Youth Institute's Kids Count Data book, there were 35 participants in the alternative school in 2004.**
- **In 2004, there were 24 public school dropouts according to Indiana Youth Institute's Kids Count Data book and 630 expulsions and suspensions.**
- **In 2004, the Indiana Youth Institute's Kids Count Data book reports 88 delinquency case filings.**
- **The Vermillion County Probation Department reported 90 juvenile delinquency petitions filed with the court in 2004.**
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Year 2 Update:

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- **Arrests in 2005 in Vermillion County are as follows according to Vermillion County Sheriff's Department:**
- **36 for Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated**
- **70 for Possession of Marijuana**
- **34 for Possession of Controlled Substances**
- **48 for Possession of Paraphernalia**
- **3 for Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor**
- **36 for Meth a Precursor/Legend Drug**
- **67 for Possession of Alcohol by a Minor/Illegal**
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- **The 2005 Indiana Prevention Resource Center survey shows approximately 33% of 12th grade students surveyed reported monthly use of alcohol.**
- **The 2005 Indiana Prevention Resource Center survey shows approximately 8% of 12th graders reported monthly use of marijuana.**
- **The Vermillion County Probation Department reported 104 juvenile intake cases filed with probation of which 76 juvenile delinquency petitions filed with court in 2005.**
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Objectives:

- **Increase general public awareness of local issues related to substance abuse reduction efforts and programs.**
- **Support prevention/educational programs through the schools and other community organizations, with an emphasis on proven prevention strategies.**
- **Provide healthy alternative activities for children and youth, especially after school hours and during summer vacation.**
- **Continue to support convocation speakers, post prom programs, Red Ribbon Week activities, the 4-H projects, Legal Education to Arrest Delinquency (LEAD), and Growth, Responsibilities, Options, and Self-Worth (GROW), High School Heroes, Staying Alive, Afternoon's Rock program T.I.G.H.T., Youth for Youth, anti-drug rallies, peer leadership training, PRIDE, Student Assistance Programs, and activities of the Vermillion County Tobacco Prevention Coalition. These are prevention programs for students and local recovering citizens.**
- **Establish a LCC Coordinator position who will recruit community involvement within the LCC to combat the problems of substance use and abuse and problem gambling.**
- **Continue to fund local law enforcement with tools needed to enhance the ability to arrest users of substances and to detect where problems may arise.**
- **Continue to explore inventive methods to reach and treat the current substance user through treatment modalities, behavioral modification and by making treatment services accessible and available.**
- **Community members are to seek out grant opportunities that would increase recreational/socialization opportunities for youth within a drug free environment.**

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Year 1 Update:

- Students from the elementary schools go to local businesses and retailers to pass out ribbons during Red Ribbon week to celebrate being drug free. Red Ribbon week activities have been conducted every year at every school.
- The Tobacco Prevention Coalition was present at over 30 community events in 2003-04 including school open houses, local festivals, fairs, and other community events.
- Advertising every other month in the Daily Clintonian has been done by Hamilton Center to increase mental health awareness in the community.
- Mental health materials and personnel were available for the community at Sampler days and the Agriculture Day.
- A mental health representative attends all Chamber of Commerce events to increase community awareness. No one has regularly attended Chamber of Commerce meetings as an LCC representative due to time constraints.
- Vermillion County and the city of Clinton have a toll free Drug Tip Line.
- The Vermillion County Sheriff's Department has presented drug and alcohol lectures within the county schools, provided parents free drug testing kits at their own cost, and presented items such as pencils and booklets to schools to promote awareness to ATOD issues. They have also worked with merchants to provide sponsorship for drug abuse booklets, maintained a Police Explorer Program, and a Neighborhood Watch program.
- The Vermillion County Sheriff's Department has emphasized public awareness of the drunk driving issue through appearances at the Vermillion County Fair.
- South Vermillion Elementary schools actively use the drug prevention curriculum "Here's Looking at You 2000". There has also been a large increase in tobacco prevention curricula used in the classrooms at every level.
- SADD chapters are active in North Vermillion Jr/Sr High and South Vermillion High School.
- North Vermillion School Corporation still has an active Student Assistance Program but there is not a full time position. The SAP position at South Vermillion High School was cut due to funding. Jane Warmouth, Guidance Counselor, voluntarily provides student assistance programming at North Vermillion Jr/Sr High School. Thus, a full time SAP Coordinator is still needed.
- High School Heroes programming through the Purdue University Extension Office (4-H) has been a successful mentoring program emphasizing tobacco prevention. It has been conducted each year. The 4-H and Junior Leaders programs are very strong in Vermillion County.
- Students have been sent to ITI several years. In 2003 only one student was sent using tobacco grant monies. In 2004 a team of 4 Vermillion County students was sent using tobacco grant monies.
- The Vermillion County Sheriff's Department has been able to provide manpower to conduct DARE programs.
- Afternoon's Rock after school drug prevention programming has been conducted each year in the northern part of the county through North Vermillion School Corporation and the Newport Church of God. This program uses older students and adult volunteers to model and mentor youth ages 10-14. Approximately 50 - 80 students participate each year.
- Convocations, speakers, and presentations have been conducted each year. In 2003-2004 convocations featuring Victor DeNoble, a scientist turned whistle-blower on the tobacco industry, Clayton King, an inspiring motivational speaker addressing the character issues behind drug use and other choices made by teens during high school years, and Rick Bender, "the man without a face" from health damages due to chewing tobacco were held at North Vermillion Junior/Senior High and South Vermillion Middle School (with the exception of Clayton King).
- TAR WARS, Kick Butts Day, Great American Smoke-Out, and other tobacco prevention initiatives in the elementary schools have increased in the years 2003 and 2004.
- Staying Alive has not been conducted for several years and thus will be deleted from the plan.
- Post Prom funding has been given to both High Schools each year.
- All police cars are provided with PBT, 4 cars have video cameras. All the cars have radar units including the reserve cars. Alco-Sensors were purchased. However, the Vermillion County Sheriff's Department is in need of replacement alco-sensors currently.
- Random school locker checks have been conducted by the Vermillion County Sheriff's Department. A dog has been purchased with LCC funds to assist with these checks. Random drug testing has been conducted every year within both school corporations.
- There are weekly AA and NA groups in the county. The NA group began in 2003. There is an Ala-teen meeting in a nearby county available.
- Substance related counseling groups were provided at the elementary, middle school, and high schools each year by Hamilton Center.

Year 2 Update:

- Post Prom funding was provided to both high schools in 2005. The LCC provided a banner which was displayed at the Post Prom.
- A LCC Coordinator was employed in 2005 until December when she resigned due to family moving.
- Elementary school students passed out ribbons to businesses during Red Ribbon Week celebrating being drug free. Other activities are done at other schools during this week.
- The Tobacco Prevention Coalition was present at community events and festivals in 2005.
- Mental health materials and personnel were available at the 2005 Sampler & Agriculture Day events.
- A mental health representative attends all Chamber of Commerce events to increase community awareness.
- Vermillion County and Clinton city have a toll free Drug Tip Line.
- Vermillion County's Sheriff Department presented drug and alcohol lectures within the county schools, provided parents free drug testing kits, presented pencils and booklets to schools to promote awareness to ATOD issues. They worked with merchants to provide sponsorship for drug abuse booklets and maintained a Neighborhood Watch program. The Vermillion County Sheriff's Department emphasized public awareness of the drunk driving issue at the Vermillion County Fair.
- North Vermillion School students participate annually in the IN Prevention Resource Center's ATOD survey and have ATOD education in grades K-12.
- South Vermillion Elementary schools use the drug prevention curriculum "Here's Looking at You 2000" along with tobacco prevention curriculum in all grades.
- There are active SADD chapters in North Vermillion Jr/Sr High and South Vermillion High School. There are Student Assistance Programs in both school corporations. Jane Warmouth, Guidance Counselor, volunteers at this position at North Vermillion and Dr. Phillip Harrison, principal at South Vermillion High School, directs theirs.
- High School Heroes programming through 4-H/Purdue University Extension Office educates South Vermillion's 5th graders emphasizing tobacco prevention using high school students as mentors.
- The 4-H and Junior Leader programs are active in Vermillion County. 4-H sponsors the GROW program which is a 2nd grade science curriculum.
- Two Afternoon's ROCK after school drug prevention program were held at North Vermillion School Corporation in 2005.
- ATOD speakers, convocations, and presentations are conducted at both School Corporations during the year.
- Post Prom funding has been given to both high schools in 2005.
- Random school locker checks have been conducted by the Vermillion County Sheriff's Department.
- There are weekly AA and NA groups available in Clinton.
- Substance related counseling groups were provided at the elementary, middle and high school by Hamilton Center.
- Hamilton Center offered intensive substance abuse programs in 2005. They offered family nights to support the person in recovery. This project was funded through a grant by the LCC.
- The town of Dana received a grant to promote drug free activities. They are able to offer movie nights once a month in town. These have been very popular with those living in Dana.

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Goals:

- **Fewer Vermillion County youth and adults will abuse substances, resulting in positive changes in supportive data listed above and other indicators to be noted.**
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Year 1 Annual Benchmarks:

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Year 2 Annual Benchmarks:

- There were 7 fewer arrests for operating while intoxicated.
- There were 17 more arrests for possession of marijuana.
- There were 11 more arrests for possession of controlled substances.
- There was double the number of arrests for possession of paraphernalia from 2004 to 2005.
- There were 4 fewer arrests for contributing to the delinquency of a minor.
- There were 11 more arrests for meth precursor/legend drug.
- The number of possession of alcohol by minor arrests was nearly double the number of 2004 arrests.
- In this same period, there were 14 fewer juvenile delinquency petitions filed.
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Problem Statement #2: Substance abuse treatment services are not well coordinated nor utilized effectively within Vermillion County.

Supportive Data:

- Instability in treatment personnel and facilities has been observed over the years by both educational and law enforcement representatives.
- There are services available of which referral agents and citizens are not aware.
- Although there are treatment providers within the county, alarmingly, there has been no formal treatment services rendered while citizens are incarcerated, a time which could prove opportune for rehabilitation.

- The local community mental health center reported an increase in the number of people seeking outpatient substance abuse services, including women, thus the increased need to coordinate these services between providers and the courts and/or schools (Hamilton Center).
- There were 51 juvenile delinquency case filings in Vermillion County in 2002. Local mental health providers, school personnel, and the probation officer are in agreement that "wrap around" services are needed so that these student do not "slip through the cracks" that currently exist due to lack of coordination of services.
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Year 1 Update:

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Year 2 Update:

- **Hamilton Center reported seeing 89 new clients for alcohol and other drug problems in 2005.**
- **In 2005, there was 1 Narcotics Anonymous and 1 AlcoholAnonymous program available in the whole county.**
- **In 2004-2005 school year, 40 students participated in intervention program at South Vermillion Schools.**
- **The Vermillion County Sheriff's Department reported 76 juvenile cases filed in 2005.**

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Objectives:

- **Identify and contract with a substance abuse counselor to provide ATOD assessments within county schools for K-12 grade students.**
- **Identify and contract with a substance abuse counselor to provide assessments and treatment for individuals incarcerated for felony offenses.**
- **Establish a LCC Coordinator position to assist with networking and connecting community resources.**
- **Provide treatment groups to the commuity schools.**
- **Improve communication between treatment providers and school personnel involving substance abuse and problem gambling.**

- **An educational assessment will be conducted for those arrested of substance related offenses, substance abuse assessment appointments set, and put into the probation plan before the citizen's court date; in order to facilitate substance abuse treatment in a much more efficient and timely manner.**
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Year 1 Update:

- ATOD assessments and individual counseling has been provided by Hamilton Center for each referred student from the school corporations each year.
- The Vermillion County jail currently uses the Chaplain Services of Pastor Marion Pastore. Weekly groups and support are given and have been given since Sheriff Kim Hawkins has been in office.
- Court ordered referrals and family counseling is provided by Hamilton Center on an ongoing basis each year.
- If required by the Department of Correction or ordered by the Court, the Vermillion County Sheriff's Department sends inmates to the Hamilton Center for substance abuse counseling services.
- A LCC Coordinator was hired in 2004.
- Counseling groups have been provided by Hamilton Center at the elementary, middle school, and high schools each year.
- When clients consent, a copy of their assessment and periodic updates are sent to the referral source from Hamilton Center.
- A community liaison has been hired by the Hamilton Center who makes regular contact with referral sources (schools, probation, prosecutor, doctors, the Judge).

Year 2 Update:

- ATOD assessments and individual counseling has been provided by Hamilton Center for each referred student from the school corporations each year.
- Vermillion County jail continues to use the Chaplain Services of Pastor Marion Pastore. Weekly groups and support are given to inmates and staff.
- Court ordered referrals and individual, group and family counseling is provided by Hamilton Center on an ongoing basis each year.
- If required by the Department of Correction or ordered by the Court, the Vermillion County Sheriff's Department sends inmates to the Hamilton Center for substance abuse counseling services.
- Angela Taylor continued as LCC Coordinator in 2005.
- Counseling groups have been provided at the elementary school, middle and high school by Dr. Thompson from Hamilton Center in 2005.
- When clients consent, a copy of their assessment and periodic updates are sent to the referral source from Hamilton Center.
- A community liaison has been hired by the Hamilton Center who makes regular contact with referral sources (schools, probation, prosecutor, doctors and the Judge).
- Hamilton Center offered intensive substance abuse programs in 2005. They offered family nights to support the person in recovery. This project was funded through a grant by the LCC.
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Goals:

- **Treatment services will be coordinated between providers, the schools, and the courts, in a more efficient and time sensitive manner for the overall goals of obtaining the help citizens need for rehabilitation and to decrease recidivism.**
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Year 1 Annual Benchmarks:

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Year 2 Annual Benchmarks:

- **The original Comprehensive Community Plan did not include much data related to those in treatment. With no data collected last year, we have very little to compare to this year's treatment data provided.**
- **The data included in this year's update will be the data we collect each year to evaluate our effectiveness.**
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Problem Statement #3: The powerful addiction to nicotine products has caused serious health and economic problems within Vermillion County.

Supportive Data:

- 1 out of 3 smokers die due to smoking related causes. Indiana has the 6th highest rate of deaths due to smoking among all the states in the US. \$1.6 billion dollars is spent in Indiana on health care costs directly related to smoking each year, this is not to mention the indirect costs incurred.
- There are very few public places within Vermillion County where adults and children are protected from the dangers of second-hand smoke. Yet, second-hand smoke is now known to cause ear infections, respiratory problems, asthma, and increase vulnerability to infections, especially in children. 53,000 Hoosiers die from second-hand smoke exposure each year.
- Vermillion County has a large number of women who suffer from breast cancer. If a girl begins smoking within 5 years of the time she begins her menses, she has a 70% chance of getting breast cancer.
- Our youth say they have easy access to tobacco products, if desired, in spite of Indiana laws restricting youth access. Over 80% of Hoosiers have their first cigarette before their 18th birthday. Of these, 3 out of 5 will develop a lifelong addiction to nicotine.
- 30% of pregnant women in Vermillion County smoke during pregnancy as compared to only 13-22% of pregnant women nationwide. If women of Indiana would stop smoking during pregnancy, the Indiana infant mortality rate could be reduced by 11% for Caucasian women.
- Only 17.6% of Vermillion County residents have attained an Associates Degree or higher education. Statistics show that only 19% of adults with more than a high school education smoke while 29.4% of adults in Indiana with a high school education smoke and 42.6% of Indiana adults with less than a high school education smoke.
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Year 1 Update:

- **Indiana Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Agency reports that in 2003 35.5% of pregnant women reported smoking during pregnancy. The state average is 18.5%.**
- **The Indiana Prevention Resource Center's PREV-STAT reports 31.5% of Vermillion County adult residents reported smoking in 2003. The state average rate of smoking among adults is 24.9%.**
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Year 2 Update:

- Currently, there is no updated data on adult smoking rates or number of pregnant women reporting smoking.
- In the 2005 Indiana Prevention Resource Center survey, approximately 28% of 12th graders reported monthly cigarette use.
- In 2005 Indiana Prevention Resource Center survey, approximately 12% of 12th graders reported monthly smokeless tobacco use. That is higher than the state average.
- In 2005, there were 22 restaurants in the county. 7 of those were smoke free environments.

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Objectives:

- **Continue to monitor and support our Tobacco Prevention Coalition establishd through grant funding received from the Indiana Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Agency (ITPC)**
- **at our monthly LCC meeting.**
- **Apply for additional grant funds from the ITPC for the 2004-2005 grant period.**
- **Continue to utilize grant funding to pay a Coordinator for the Tobacco Prevention Coalition for 20 hours a week.**
- **Support the County Coordinator through attendance at Coalition meetings and state-wide trainings, hands-on work of Coalition members on projects throughout the community, and sharing resources that will greatly widen the impact of tobacco control within our community.**
- **Implement Tobacco Awareness Program (TAP) and Tobacco Education Group (TEG) student cessation groups within the county schools.**
- **Coordinate a student-led anti-tobacco movement, "Voice."**
- **Attend and recruit students and community leaders to attend prevention conferences such as "Many Voices One Vision", the "Youth Summit", and the ITPC Annual Conference in order to gain knowledge**

of the power of nicotine addiction and inventive methods for tobacco control.

- **Instill tobacco prevention curriculum within the community schools as well as special event programming that promotes awareness of tobacco control issues.**
- **Work to decrease second hand smoke within the workplace.**
- **Strengthen our existing policies regarding second hand smoke within the community and seek to establish new policies and practices in order to change our community's social norm of the acceptance of smoking in public places.**
- **Seek to influence our local policy makers and legislators regarding the need for tobacco control programming.**
- **Support and assist in projects that promote awareness, impart information and instill the mindset of prevention at community events such as the 4-H Fair, the Hillclimb, the Little Italy Festival, Relay for Life, school events and other community events.**
- **Assist in obtaining subcontracts with community agencies that can offer cessation services, assistance with decreasing youth access to tobacco products and other essential elements of tobacco control.**
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Year 1 Update:

- A grant was written to receive \$84,000 in tobacco prevention and cessation funding from the ITPC for the years 2002 -2003. In 2004, Vermillion County was able to receive \$51,000 for an 18th month period between 2004-2005. The Vermillion County Tobacco Prevention Coalition was formed as a sub-committee of the LCC in October 2003. (For the months previous to October, the LCC members conducted the business of the grant during monthly meetings with all members present.) Currently, the coalition meets separate from the LCC, although many Coalition members are LCC members. A coalition update is still presented at the monthly LCC meetings as part of the formal agenda. The Coalition met quarterly throughout 2004 and will increase to monthly meetings in 2005, with brief monthly updates still being provided at the LCC meetings.
- Applied for ITPC funding to employ Tobacco Coalition Coordinator and this will be maintained as long as grant funds are available. Angela Taylor continues to serve as the Coordinator (since October 2003). This remains a 20 hour a week position but since January 2004 has been joined with Parke County to enable a full-time, salaried position, with benefits, as CHANCES for Indiana Youth as the new lead agency for both grant programs.
- The LCC membership continues to be the backbone of the Tobacco prevention Coalition, as stated in objective A.
- TAP and TEG instructors were trained in 2004 for both South and Vermillion County high schools. Gina Byrum, school nurse at North Vermillion, has served as the TAP and TEG student cessation instructor at North and remains in this position currently. RoseAnn Douglas is no longer at South Vermillion High School, thus discussions have been held with new Corporation Nurse, Debbie Short, and new High School Nurse, Christie Junker to provide them training by Fall of 2005 so that this program can be re-implemented in the south.
- In 2003, a new teen anti-tobacco movement called Vermillion County VOICE was formed. These youth present drama skits to younger youth as well as initiate several tobacco prevention activities each year. VOICE has held teen events in 2004 such as the "Tobacco Thing Teen Fling" where over 500 youth voluntarily attended, participated in festival parades, had a booth at the county fair, sponsored school convocations, hosted their own Summer Celebration regional training, planned and participated in regional events and trainings, and executed other initiatives in their schools and throughout the community. VOICE now has approximately 50 members county-wide, with a 12 member student leadership board who plans and directs all activities.
- In 2003 - 4 adults from Vermillion County attended the Many Voices One Vision Conference and in 2004 one youth and 2 adults attended the Many Voices One Vision Conference. 9 Youth from Vermillion County attended the Youth Summit, from North Vermillion High School. 1 adult attended the ITPC conference in 2004.
- In 2004, thousands of dollars of tobacco prevention and cessation curriculum were purchased for the schools. Many items were distributed to the school nurses and guidance counselors. Also the Coordinator has a library of resources available within the county. A resource list is provided each year to school staff. Prevention curriculum includes Smoke Scream, Tar Wars, Tobacco Awareness Program, and several videos, worksheets, and activities that can be used separately. Special event days include Great American Smoke-Out in the Fall and Kick Butts Day in the Spring.
- Many attempts were made in 2004 to influence the North Vermillion school board to adopt a 100% tobacco-free school grounds policy. Although this proposal was voted down, administrative action was taken to amend the current policy to designate areas wherein tobacco is allowed. In essence, this action will take smoking out of the bleachers during outside games, away from the school playgrounds, and away from all main entrances to the schools during the 2005-2006 school year. Also, state legislators were informed of activities and initiatives of the coalition as restored funding was sought through the 2004 year. E-mails, post-cards, phone calls, and students serving as pages all helped to inform our policy makers of current needs and agenda.
- The coalition was represented in over 30 community events in the 2003-2004 year. See annual report of tobacco prevention coalition.
- A subcontract was developed and maintained with the Vermillion County Sheriff department to combat youth access to tobacco. A subcontract was developed with the Hamilton Center to offer cessation resources to community businesses through corporation trainings. A partnership was developed in 2004 with the Vermillion County Health department to provide cessation classes and support to individuals and families of Vermillion County. A subcontract with the American Cancer Society was developed to promote cessation resources within the community in 2004.

Year 2 Update:

- Tobacco Coalition meets same day as LCC and follows LCC meetings. Coordinator provides updates at the LCC meetings.
- The Tobacco Coalition will continue to employ a part time Coordinator as long as funds are available.
- The LCC continues to partner with Tobacco Coordinator by attending meetings and supporting Coordinator.
- VOICE continues to grow and be active. Leadership board meetings outside the schools are held as well as meetings within the schools for all members.
- One VOICE member from South Vermillion High School attended Indiana Teen Institute Leadership Camp. Three Tobacco Coalition members attended Many Voices One Vision Conference. Two coalition members attended "Freedom from Smoking" training. Eight teen and adult allies attended ACT Youth Summit in Indianapolis in fall 2005. Four VOICE members attended Indiana Criminal Justice Institute's Youth Summit.
- TAR WARS presentations were done in all four Vermillion County elementary schools. A Vermillion County documentary was created called FACTS, by the computer applications class at North Vermillion High School. It was presented to all the students in grades 4 -12. Two convocations were held with speaker Rick Stoddard. 21 students participated in ROCK program.
- VOICE was key in Vermillion High School setting up a tobacco policy with designated smoking areas on the schools campus away from high pedestrian traffic.
- Cessation workshops offered to businesses in Vermillion County.
- Tobacco Coordinator met five times with community leaders to promote activities of the Tobacco Coalition.
- Sheriff's Department conducted compliance checks with local businesses.
- VOICE members attended legislative day to influence lawmakers on tobacco programs.
- The Tobacco Coalition had an informatin booth at the 4-H Fair. 26 VOICE and adult allies attended smoke-free day at the State Fair. Battle of the Bands was held by VOICE. Distributed materials at school open houses on prevention and cessation programs.

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Goals:

- **As a result of these intensive actions, Vermillion County residents will become aware of the dangers of tobacco products and second hand smoke exposure.**
- **The children and youth will have notable prevention programs in place.**
- **Adults and teens will be offered cessation services that will assist them in breaking the power of nicotine addiction; for the overall goal to improve the health and life expectancy of our citizens and children.**
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- **The Indiana Prevention Resource Center data was not included in previous Comprehensive Community Plan. At this time, we can only compare data to the state average from last spring. Current data shows a higher than state average usage of tobacco products among high school students in Vermillion County.**
- **Vermillion County shows a higher than state average usage of tobacco usage among pregnant women. Vermillion County's rate is 35.5% and state is 18.5%. Again, updated data is not available but we can see where we are compared to the rest of the state.**
- **There was not a survey done in 2005 but available adults smoking data shows a higher usage rate of smoking. Vermillion County's rate is 31.5% and state is 24.9%.**
- **32% of restaurants in Vermillion County are smoke free. This number has not been tracked before this year as we do not have baseline to compare it.**

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Please attach the County's Fiscal Report for review!

Next Annual Update Due: April 2007

Next Comprehensive Community Plan Due: April 2007

Date of Community Consultant Review:

Disclaimer:

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The information and data provided is presented as factual and accurate. I hereby acknowledge that I can be asked to submit proper documentation regarding the data submitted within the Plan. Failure to do so could result in a "denied approval" by the Commission under IC 5-2-6-16.

The Local Drug Free Communities Fund must be spent according to the goals identified within the plan. I hereby acknowledge that I can be asked to submit proper documentation regarding funds that are collected, allocated, and disbursed within the county. Failure to do so could result in a "denied approval" by the Commission under IC 5-2-6-16.

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LOCAL DRUG FREE COMMUNITIES FUND INFORMATION

- (1) Amount deposited into the drug-free communities fund during the most recent, complete calendar year, per the County Auditor:
- In 2005 the Vermillion County Auditor's office deposited \$32,482.50 into the LCC's Drug-Free Community Fund from fees collected.
 - \$32,482.50 total amount available for 2005 programs and administrative costs.
 - \$3,605.71 allocated for administrative costs leaving \$28,876.79 available for 2005 programming
- (2) Fund allocation by category, including a brief description of the purpose of the grant funding:

APPLICANT/PROJECT & PROGRAM description	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT AWARDED
Prevention/Education		
South Vermillion - Post Prom	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Higher Ground Ministries (Dana) - Movie Nights	\$540.00	\$540.00
North Vermillion - Post Prom	\$750.00	\$750.00
South Vermillion - Prevention Activities	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
North Vermillion - Prevention Activities	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
TOTAL(S)	\$7,290.00	\$7,290.00
Treatment/Intervention		
Hamilton Center - South Vermillion Intervention Group	\$1,260.00	\$1,260.00
Hamilton Center - Treatment	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00
Probation/Prosecutor - Substance Abuse Evaluation	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
TOTAL(S)	\$6,260.00	\$6,260.00
Judicial/Law Enforcement		
Prosecutor - Drug Task Force	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
TOTAL(S)	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00

- (3) Total number of dollar amount of grant approved in each of the three categories with percentages:

CATEGORY	Percentage	DOLLARS APPROVED
Prevention/Education	33%	\$7,290.00
Treatment/Interdiction	28%	\$6,260.00
Judicial/Law Enforcement	23%	\$5,000.00
Administrative	16%	\$3,605.71

- (4) Describe the grant process and requirements for the grantees:

Anyone seeking a grant submits an application to the LCC for the first reading. The LCC will review an application for a month. At the next LCC meeting, the second reading of the application takes place and those in attendance vote on the application for approval. The LCC Chair then attends a County Commissioners meeting to get the expenditure approved before a check is written to the organization.

- (5) Provide administrative expenses:

EXPENSE	COST
LCC Coordinator Stipend	\$2,500.00
Mileage	\$310.72
Logo Contest Prize	\$25.00
LCC Banners	\$750.00
Conference Costs	\$19.99
TOTAL	\$3,605.71

- (6) Any additional comment:

The LCC only funded 23% in the law enforcement category because we had budgeted the LCC Administrative Costs between all three funds. The Community Consultant informed us that this was no longer the practice but we had not received any other grants for that category in 2005. We have allocated 25% of the fund for law enforcement for 2006.